AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-36.   (Canceled)

37.   (Currently Amended) A method for preparing configuration settings of a source computing system for transitioning for use by a target computing system, the method comprising:

   providing information about configuration settings of the source computing system, the information identifying locations of configuration settings;

   displaying an indication of the configuration settings that can be extracted from the source computing system;

   receiving a selection of configuration settings to be extracted from the source computing system for use by the target computing system;

   extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing system indicated by the information; ~~and~~

   manipulating at least one of the extracted configuration settings from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system; and

   storing the extracted configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration settings on a storage device, wherein the stored configuration settings ~~in a format that~~ can be used by the target computing system to control its operation ~~based on the extracted configuration settings of the source computing system~~.

38.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37 including ~~injecting~~ installing the stored configuration settings ~~of the storage device into~~ on the target computing system.

39.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38 wherein the ~~injecting~~ installing is performed under control of an ~~injection~~ installation application.

40.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39 wherein the ~~injection~~ installation application is received from the source computing system.

41.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser configuration settings.

42.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser favorites.

43.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser bookmarks.

44.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

45.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include an electronic mail folder.

46.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45 wherein the electronic mail folder is an inbox folder.

47.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include electronic mail addresses.

48.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37 wherein the storage device includes an ~~injection~~ installation application.

49.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the target computing system receives and executes the ~~injection~~ installation application.

50.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the ~~injection~~ installation application ~~injects~~ installs the configuration settings ~~into~~ on the target computing system.

51.   (Currently Amended) A method for transitioning configuration settings of a source computing system to a target computing system, the method comprising:

providing a storage device having configuration settings extracted from the source computing system, wherein at least one of the extracted configuration settings is manipulated from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system ~~the configuration settings being in a format that can be used by the target computing system to control its operation in accordance with the extracted configuration settings of the source computing system~~;

retrieving the configuration settings from the storage device; and

~~using~~ applying the retrieved configuration settings to the target computing system to control the operation of the target computing system.

52.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 including at the source computing system,

providing information about configuration settings of the source computing system, the information identifying locations of configuration settings;

receiving from ~~the~~ a user a selection of configuration settings ~~to be extracted for use by the target computing system~~;

extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing system indicated by the information; ~~and~~

manipulating at least one of the extracted configuration settings from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system; and

storing the extracted configuration settings on the storage device.

53.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 ~~including under control of an injection application, injecting~~ wherein applying the retrieved configuration settings to the target computing system includes storing the retrieved configuration settings ~~into~~ on the target computing system.

54.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~53~~ 51 wherein ~~the injection~~ applying the retrieved configuration settings to the target computing system includes an installation application, the installation application is stored on the storage device.

55.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser configuration settings.

56.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser favorites.

57.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser bookmarks.

58.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

59.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include an electronic mail folder.

60.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59 wherein the electronic mail folder is an inbox folder.

61.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include electronic mail addresses.

62.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a source computing system and a target computing system to transition configuration settings of the source computing system to the target computing system by a method comprising:

    providing configuration information about configuration settings of the source computing system, the configuration information identifying locations of configuration settings;

    providing a selection of configuration settings to be extracted from the source computing system;

    extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing system indicated by the configuration information; ~~and~~

    manipulating at least one of the extracted configuration settings from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system; and

    storing the extracted configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration settings on a storage device.

63.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 ~~wherein~~ including installing ~~the configuration settings are provided to the program by injecting~~ the configuration settings stored on the storage device ~~into~~ on the target computing system.

64.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 63 wherein the ~~injecting~~ installing is performed under control of an ~~injection~~ installation application.

65.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 64 wherein the ~~injection~~ installation application is stored on the storage device.

66.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 63 including receiving from a user a selection of the configuration settings stored on the storage device that are to be ~~injected~~ installed ~~into~~ on the target computing system.

67.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of browser configuration settings, browser favorites, and browser bookmarks.

68.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

69.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of an electronic mail folder and electronic mail addresses.

70.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a source computing device and a target computing device to transition configuration settings of the source computing device to the target computing device by a method comprising:

    providing configuration information about configuration settings of the source computing device, the configuration information identifying locations of configuration settings;

    providing a selection of configuration settings to be extracted from the source computing device;

    extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing device indicated by the configuration information; ~~and~~

    manipulating at least one of the extracted configuration settings from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system;

storing the extracted configuration settings <u>and the at least one manipulated</u> <u>configuration settings</u> on a storage device ~~so that a program on the target computing device can be provided the configuration settings that were stored on the storage device for use during execution of the program by~~

receiving a selection of <u>the stored</u> configuration settings ~~stored on the storage device that are to be injected into the target computing device and injecting~~

<u>applying the selection of stored</u> ~~the selected~~ configuration settings ~~stored on the storage device into~~ <u>to</u> the target computing device ~~under control of an injection application that is loaded from the storage device onto the target computing device~~.

71.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of browser configuration settings, browser favorites, and browser bookmarks.

72.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

73.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of an electronic mail folder and electronic mail addresses.

74.   (Currently Amended) A method for ~~transitioning~~ <u>manipulating</u> a personality of a target computing system based on ~~the~~ <u>a</u> personality of the source computing system, the method comprising:

providing a selection of configuration settings ~~representing a portion,~~ <u>wherein the</u> <u>configuration settings are part</u> of the personality of the source computing system ~~that is to be injected into the target computing system~~;

extracting the selected configuration settings from the source computing system;

> manipulating at least one of the extracted configuration settings from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system;
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> storing the extracted configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration settings on a storage device; and
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> ~~providing~~ applying the stored configuration settings to the target computing system ~~with the configuration settings stored on the storage device~~ so that the personality of the target computing system can be ~~transitioned~~ manipulated based on the configuration settings stored on the storage device.

75.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74 wherein the personality of ~~including providing personality objects at~~ the source computing system ~~that specify the personality of the source computing system~~ includes at least one personality object.

76.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 75 wherein ~~a~~ the at least one personality object ~~specifies~~ includes configuration settings for a program.

77.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74 wherein ~~the providing~~ applying the stored configuration settings to the target computing system includes ~~injecting~~ storing the configuration settings ~~into~~ stored on the storage device on the target computing system.

78.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~75~~ 77 wherein ~~the storage device includes~~ an ~~injection~~ installation application ~~that controls the injecting of~~ stores the configuration settings stored on the storage device on the target computing system.

79.   (Currently Amended) A system for ~~transitioning~~ manipulating a personality of a target computing system based on ~~the~~ a personality of the source computing system, comprising:

means for presenting to a user the personality of the source computing system, the personality of the source computing system including configuration settings;

means for receiving a selection of the configuration settings ~~representing a portion of the personality of the source computing system that is to be injected into the target computing system~~;

means for storing the selected configuration settings on a storage device; ~~and~~

means for manipulating at least one of the selected configuration settings from a format used on the source computing system to a format used on the target computing system; and

means for ~~providing~~ applying the selected configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration setting to the target computing system ~~the configuration settings stored on the storage device~~ so that the personality of the target computing system can be ~~transitioned~~ manipulated based on the personality of the source computing system.

80.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 79 wherein the personality ~~including personality objects~~ of the source computing system ~~that specify the personality of the source computing system~~ includes at least one personality object.

81.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 80 wherein ~~a~~ the at least one personality object ~~specifies~~ includes configuration settings for a program.

82.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 79 wherein the means for ~~providing~~ applying the selected configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration setting to the target computing system includes means for ~~injecting~~ storing

the ~~selected~~ configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration setting ~~into~~ on the target computing system.

83.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82 wherein ~~the storage device includes~~ an ~~injection~~ installation application ~~that controls the injecting of~~ stores the selected configuration settings and the at least one manipulated configuration setting on the target computing system.

84.   (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include registry settings.

85.   (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include registry settings.

86.   (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings include registry settings.

87.   (New) The computer-readable medium claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings include registry settings.